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Date: Thursday, Nov. 3
Time 8:00 P.M.
Place: Home of Jim Myers
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Editorial

PRAYER FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dear God, give us Super-People . . .

Give us yet again a President who has vision to foresee advancement in horsemanship and showmanship and sportsmanship . . .

Who can take harsh words spoken in anger and not be hurt . . .

Who can speak firmly, yet not inflict hurt . . .

Who can pick good committees and see that they do a job.

Give us a Vice-President with these same qualities . . .

Who can sweat and work in the dust and dirt, and smile . . .

and give the other fellow all the credit.

Give us a Secretary who is Mary Gale.

Give us a Treasurer who can tell us today how much money the show cleared yesterday . . .

Who can get cash out of rocks . . .

Who will pay your creditors and take our heavy debtors to court . . .

Who can cancel the activities that lose money and help push the ones that pay . . .

Give us Directors who are as sold on our organization as we are . . .

Who can make workers out of those with grievances . . .

Who know that working at a hobby with all your heart makes the finest friendships and the most satisfying kind of fun.

Dear God, give us Super-People.

Then help us to help them and be worthy of them!

Katherine L. Jones

The October issue of your Trail Blazer is late this month due to a number of reasons. We hope you will pardon the delay and will send in your copy promptly for the November issue as we promise you it will be out on time. We'll have all of the state convention news for you—hot off the press.

The Editor.

Our cover page shows Bob Lorimer, of the Oakland Riding Academy, on Irish Lad, both familiar to all horsemen in the Bay Area, and both do a swell job!

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Membership News

NEW BOARD TO BE NAMED AT DECEMBER MEETING

Following a custom of the past several year, a new board of directors to serve the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association, will be named at the annual meeting December 2, which will be highlighted by a dinner dance for the entire membership.

A nominating committee, announced by President James A. Myers includes, Ted Dreyer, past president of the association, who will serve as chairman; Mrs. Blanche Paul and Don Schwimley, named by the president, and Mrs. Elsa Himmelman and Martin Murray, chosen from the floor at the September Open Forum. This committee will meet in the near future to draft plans for the naming of the new board, and prior to the annual meeting, the slate of new officers will be submitted to the membership by mail as in former years. It is also expected that following a precedent members of the association will also have an opportunity to make nominations from the floor prior to the election in December.

"Will anyone having any choice for a board member, or members, kindly put the names in a sealed envelope and mail them to Mr. Dreyer, at his office", said Mr. Myers. "It will not be necessary to sign your names, but the committees does need suggestions. I am hoping that a great many will take the time to do this and it will help a great deal".

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NOW UNDERWAY

With both Senior and Junior members busy on the current membership drive, which will terminate November 15th, we are submitting for your approval several reasons why there are advantages in belonging to the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association.

1. It gives an opportunity for participation in group trail rides. We have put on some of the finest breakfast rides and field day entertainments that can be had.

2. We meet together two or three times a year as an organization and enjoy each other's society in dances.

3. Membership gives us an opportunity for participation in and a voice in the operation of Horse Shows throughout the State.

4. Our organization has been responsible for the maintaining and keeping open of numerous trails in our county.

5. Membership in the organization offers us the opportunity to serve each other as horsemen and horse enthusiasts in our community.

6. The Trail Blazer delivered each month to each member of the association is well worth the time, effort and money that we might put into the organization.

7. And last but not least, the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association has been, and will continue to be, the unit that actively and vigorously defends the interest of horsemen in our city, our county, and our state, against those who would have the horse relegated to a place beyond the reach of us in the city.

President and Mrs. James A. Myers are offering to the four winners in the contest, lovely sterling belt buckles, to be presented at the annual dinner dance.



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ANNUAL DINNER DANCE SET FOR DECEMBER 2

Mark your calendars! According to announcement by Clarence Simons, activities chairman, the annual dinner dance will be Friday evening, December 2 at the Moose City club.

The evening will also include the annual business meeting and election of officers.

According to Mr. Simons, plans are still too indefinite to publish, but members of the various committees will be named in the very near future and the wheels will start to turn for one of the most successful parties ever to be held by the association.

As has been the custom in the past, reservations will be limited and it isn't too soon to start making plans to be present.

Full details for the evening will be announced in the next issue of the Trail Blazer.

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LARGE ATTENDANCE MARKS CHUCK WAGON BREAKFAST AND HORSE SHOW SEPT. 25

One of the really big events of the year was the Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol annual chuck wagon breakfast and horse show held Sunday, Sept. 25 at El Rancho. The day was marked by the 5th regional eliminations for the state convention at Sacramento under the direction of Fred E. Anderson.

Fred Bemis, of the patrol, and Don Schwimley, of the M.H.A. were co-chairmen of the day, with a sumptuous breakfast served by the La Fiesta Catering Service opening the day's program.

Results of the elimination contests follow:

Junior All-Around Horsemanship:

Boy: 1st--Bill Bernard, Metropolitan Horsemen's Association.

Runner-up: Cotton Feliz, Metropolitan Horsemen's Association.

Girl: 1st--Corrine Smith, Metropolitan Horsemen's Association.

Runner-up: Pat Pfeiffer, Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association, The Flying Horsemen.

Junior Drill Teams:

1st--The Flying Horsemen of Concord Mt. Diablo Trail Riders.

2nd--Metropolitan Horsemen's Association Juniors.

Drill Teams: Senior

1st--Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol.

2nd--Alameda County Sheriff's Posse.

Calf Roping:

1st--Bill Patten, No. 127, time 16.4 sec.

2nd--Bob Phillips, No. 120, time 19.9 sec.

—Louie Silva, Sr., No. 123, no time.

—Harry Rose, No. 149, no time.

Relay Teams:

1st--M.H.A. Juniors 66.6.

2nd--Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol 67.2.

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3rd--Alameda County Sheriff's Posse 73.8.

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Junior Activities

JUNIORS CONTINUE WINNING STREAK

Several members of the M.H.A. Juniors have added laurels to their rapidly growing list of achievements.

At the Castro Valley show, on October 9, Corrine Smith and Bill Barnard captured first in the matched pairs, English, with Corrine awarded third in the Open Jumpers and 4th in the Western pleasure classes.

The show, first annual affair sponsored by the Castro Valley Wranglers, was a huge success with the M.H.A. drill team awarded a nice trophy for its part in the grand entry, and another trophy for its drill.

At the Junior show, held at Pinole, Johnnie Shumaker and Corrine Smith were awarded first and second in the pleasure horse class; Sandra Logue won a first and a third in Open Jumpers, and Celia Gray, the junior horsemanship, Western.

In the hunters class Sandra Logue was awarded first, with Corrine Smith and Bill Barnard capturing first in the matched English pairs and Johnnie Shumaker and Gertrude Potter second.

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Having been beaten at drill by the Contra Costa Flying Horsemen, during elimination contests at the Chuck Wagon Breakfast, members of the M.H.A. Juniors proved they are mighty good sports.

Hearing that the winning team was having difficulty raising money to make the trip to Sacramento, M.H.A. Juniors voted to send them \$10.00 to help defray expenses.

That's a swell gesture, Juniors, and we, as seniors, doff our hats to you.

M.H.A. JUNIORS PLAN HALLOWE'EN PARTY

The goblins will take over at Redwood lodge, in Regional park, according to the M.H.A. Juniors who are planning a gala hallowe'en party on October 30 or 31. Members will receive the exact date and details of the affair by mail.

Members will attend in costume, with games, entertainment and refreshments on the evening's program. All Juniors are urged to be present for the fun.

Financial statement of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association Juniors. This report is complete up to the Reno carnival night, and is published for all members of the Junior organization.

Amounts expended on the saddle raffle:

For saddle	\$200.00
For chink leather	269.00
Green hats	130.00
Making of white shirts	105.00
Making of the chinks	175.00
Purchase of first	
two bolts of material	50.00
Third bolt	25.00
Last bolt	12.00
Thread for the first shirts	2.00
Buttons for all shirts	18.00
	\$986.00

Note: There was no tax charged on any of these purchases. Several of the straw hats were not paid for and neither was the material for the last two sets of ties.

Money received:

Money received from 24 sponsors —	
at \$11.00 each	\$264.00
Saddle money from the tickets	423.00
Money paid in on shirts and	
hats by the Juniors	202.50
Borrowed from M.H.A.	
senior organization	50.00
	\$939.50

One sponsor has not as yet been contacted for payment. Earl Nanninga, who made the chinks did not charge for any of the buckles he used on them, and also made the chinks at a discount, so was counted as one of the sponsors as was Fred Anderson, who cancelled the bill for payment of the printing for the raffle tickets, total \$11.00.

Respectfully submitted by,
KAY WALLING, Junior Chairman.

LOST — Green and white striped sun umbrella at Rancho San Antonio, Sunday, Sept. 25th. Wild West Show. Finder please notify the editor: OLYmpic 2-6783.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE TO BE HELD

SAN MATEO PATROL TO STAGE BIG SHOW

W. I. Turck is serving as general chairman of the Fall horse show and saddle presentation on October 30, sponsored by the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo county. The affair will be held at the new Mounted Patrol Grounds, Kings Mountain and Tripp roads, at Woodside, Calif.

Grand entry will be held at 1 p.m. with trophies awarded for the best dressed cow girl, best dressed cow boy, best dressed English woman and the best dressed English man.

Trophies and ribbons will be presented to 5th place. Charles Chalman will serve as ringmaster and Richard Delucchi as ring secretary.

The 16 classes will include English and Western pairs, judged separately; Western horsemanship, ladies only, 12 or over; Parade horses, silver to count, Stock horses, AHSA rules, no sacks; Junior horsemanship, Western and English, judged separately; Three gaited horses.

Old Timers class, 40 years and over; Western pleasure, Tennessee Walkers, English horsemanship, ladies only 18 or over; Hackamore horses, English pleasure horses, trail horses, for adults only, Single sack roping and back alley course.

The saddle presentation will take place at 4 p.m. Entries should be mailed to Ed Spillane, 222 Francis Lane, Redwood City, Calif.

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At Cressmount

Back to school opened a busy calendar for horses and riders at Cressmount under the direction of Cornelia Cress and Mary Lou Hutton. First was Hospitality, on September 22nd, with the second annual riders' rally on October 9th. The rally is a warm-up for the 11th annual Shongehon Junior Horse show on October 23rd at 1:30 P.M.

All children from the De Fremery Home will be special guests of Shongehon for the matinee. The feature event of the show will be a pairs class, each pair consisting of a De Fremery child on horseback led by a Shongehon girl on foot. The riders will show at a walk, trot, canter, and back. Miss Vera Vagryanova, director of the home, will select twelve children to enter this event.

The girls are working hard on new maneuvers for their popular drill in which they wear red coats and carry red and white gold fringed guidons. Members are: Karen Anderson, Dade Brandes, Pat Brandes, Happy Clements, Ann Cornwell, Peggy Day, Sheila Derieg, Carol DeVilbia, Casey Elliott, Janet McKenzie, Priscilla Meyer (Pres.), Vandra Rosendahl, Wilda Rosendahl, Jo Ann Schetter, Janet Scott, and Joyce Williams.

Program will include several jumping events in the ring; Championship Equitation for Senior members: Dede Brandes, Happy Clements, Sheila Derieg, Casey Elliott, Janet McKenzie, Priscilla Meyer and Joyce Williams. Pat Brandes, last year's winner will present the trophy.

Horse Show Committee: Pat Brandes, Peggy Day, Sheila Derieg, Casey Elliott, Janet McKenzie, Priscilla Meyer, Vandra Rosendahl, and Joyce Williams.

The following have reserved boxes for the show: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Day, Gen. and Mrs. G. O. Cress, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Derieg, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Pickler, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Schetter, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Rosendahl, and Mrs. Joyce Williams.

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At The Piedmont

The barn has recently been given a face lifting, and we invite you all to ride by and see the improvement.

Bill and Janet Pray vacationed at Lake Tahoe, while others who have been out of the area include the Dettmers, who drove to Denver on their vacation, visiting a sister there, and H. Knudsen, who spent his time at Carmel where he reported a wonderful time which included daily rides.

Bill Patten took H. Peckham's horse to Stockton and was awarded first in the pinto class. Congratulations, Bill, for a grand job.

Sally Wright has resumed her college work in Arizona.

The Piedmont had one of his famed breakfasts on September 18, with breakfast at the Round Up following a two-hour ride.

With The Boots & Jeans

Members of the Boots and Jeans club met September 7th at the Redwood Lodge to elect new officers for the ensuing six months period. They include Leroy Lamp-ton, president; Lee and Dort Pierce were unanimously reinstated as treasurer and recording secretary respectively; Bud Vogel, sergeant at arms; Vi Schumacher, reporter; Ruby Amman, chairman of the entertainment committee. We are really expecting big doings during the next six months under the competent supervision of these chosen people.

The Square Dance Riders trekked to Concord on Labor Day to participate in the parade and horse show, where they were given a very lovely trophy for their appearance in the parade. The relay team gave the Shrine Rangers quite a tussle but were nosed out in the final run-off.

Attention—

Just a reminder that anyone having need of the services of the humane society, will find an officer in the Hill district by calling ANDover 1-1164. He is always available to serve you!

Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol

The Patrol took an active part in the Labor Day parade and horse show at Concord, September 5th. The unit was awarded a beautiful trophy for the best Mounted Drill Team in the parade and another for the performance of their exhibition as a feature of the Horse Show.

The Patrol five-man relay team consisting of Dr. J. A. Campbell, Heber Brown, Jack Simons, Archie Brown and Floyd Jacobs also took a first award in the races. Frank Kelly placed third in Pole Bending after running off a tie for second place and Fred Bemis riding "Cap" and Si Simons riding "Geronimo" placed third in Matched Pairs.

At the Antioch Horse Show, September 18, Frank Kelly riding "Sir Butch" took a blue ribbon award in Pole Bending.

We are happy to report that "Jaffie" one of our fine drill team horses who was shot by vandals sometime ago, has fully recovered and is now active in drills again.

And now we come to one of the big events of the year — the Patrol's Chuck Wagon Breakfast and Horse Show which was held at the Ranch on Sunday September 25th. In the Senior Drill Team competition the Unit placed first with a score of ninety-seven out of a possible one hundred. The four-man Ring spearing team, consisting of Captain Fred Bemis, Heber Brown, Dave Jones and Jerry Jacobs also placed first and Frank Kelly placed first in Pole Bending. Blue ribbons and beautiful trophies were awarded the winners and the Unit will represent the fifth region in these events at the C.S.H.A. Convention at Sacramento. The Patrol Relay Team placed second, losing to the Juniors by three-fifths of a second. Also on the program was a spectacular fire jump. Archie Brown, one of the newer members, riding his horse "Bud" jumped through two blazing hoops of fire, giving spectators a final thrill, after a whole day of unusually fine entertainment. The Patrol worked hard and diligently to make the affair the success that it was and after putting in long hours on Saturday, the members reported for duty at a very early hour on Sunday so when the gymkhana events rolled around in the afternoon, the boys were indeed tired. Also working many hours in and around the ranch in preparation for the show and cleaning up afterwards were Laura Bemis, Francys Kelly, Ella Jacobs, Kay Jones, Norma Hansen and Pat Ludolph who are wives of members and Mary Day, Barbara Bemis and Ted Sciacqua. The Patrol at this time wishes to thank these and those of the M.H.A. and C.S.H.A. who, in any way helped to make the affair a success.

The Patrol's appeared at Castro Valley on Sunday, October 9, when they performed their exhibition drill at the new arena of the Castro Valley Wranglers.

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At Miss Graham's Stable

So many things have been going on around Miss Graham's stable that it is hard to know where to begin. The most important event is the new son, Jeff, born July 13th to Manager and Mrs. Lloyd Graham. Jeff paid his first visit to the stables on Aug. 21st, accompanied by his mother and his Aunt Peg and cousins, Tom and Jerry of Orinda.

No, you weren't seeing things when you went to Miss Graham's to "hire a hoss". Two females have been helping out there during the summer as there has been a shortage of help at the stables. The good looking blonded is Lynn, who works at Hinks, in Berkeley, when she isn't admiring her broom work at the stables. The one who sports the hat with the pigeon feather is Midge, who spends her time away from the stables . . . teaching piano! They can saddle and bridle horses, too, believe it or not, and will proudly show you their crop of calluses on their lily white hands at the slightest encouragement.

Two handsome horses have been added to the Graham rent string—Major, a sweet tempered black, and Billy, a frisky 6 year old bay.

No one enjoys riding more than Margaret Toolin, Josephine Ferretti, Charlotte Koziol, Alice Butts and Grace Hammers. Accompanied by Miss Graham, they fare forth every Saturday morning. Two other regular riders are Sue Gorrie, on Mickey, and Betty Ross on Boots.

Most every week-end you can see that nice not-so-aufully-long-married couple. Ray and Jean Theobald, riding off together. Ray rides his lovely little bay, Monterey, and Jean enjoys Miss Graham's Buckskin Dick.

Sue Edwards, whose pretty copper hair matches her mount, Lucinda, was a frequent rider before school got underway. Also enjoying the trails are Mr. Wyman, on Grey Rebel, and Sherwood Swan, on King Event. Both horses are counted among Miss Graham's boarders. A new addition to the boarders is Pzint, lovely pinto belonging to Mr. Hunter, of San Leandro.

At The Neves Stables

The Neves stable has a new flag which will be used in shows, and following a renovation program, now underway, there are new wooden steps to the barn from the parking area.

At the Charlie Hall show, Jimmie Wheeler, Mrs. Judy White and Lila Ray, took third in the barn group.

Mrs. Neves has recently bought a new horse, a small gray mare, which answers to the name of Becky.

Barbara Campbell brought Black Velvet home from a Summer in the mountains, and Barbara has left for a year of college in Nevada.

With The Lari-ettes

The annual hallowe'en dance, to be held October 27th at the Big Bear tavern, will be the gala event of the season with dancing from 9 o'clock. Door prizes will be high-light of the evening and Western music will be provided by the Circle O Boys. Come as you are, or in costume. Sorry, no minors.

Two more beautiful trophies and blue ribbons have been added to our large collection. First for the best mounted ladies' group and first for the best working equipment were won at the Mt. Diablo Trail Ride horse show, at Concord.

Geneva Menicucci was awarded first on her mare, High Heels, in the pleasure class and first for the best horse and equipment, and third in the quarter horse breeding class at the Lake County fair. At our own M.H.A. show Geneva won second in Western pleasure class and also a first in the trail class at the Charlie Hall show.

Joan Munson's mare, Miss Cindy, placed first in the trail class and state fair, at Sacramento; Ruby Welch, riding Ribbon, won 4th in Western pleasure class at the Lake county fair, and third in the pleasure class at the M.H.A. field day. Norma Burton took first and third at Lakeport, and also a second, third, fourth and fifth, riding O'Malley and Idiot's Delight in the jumping class at Plymouth and also first on Carousel Clown at Placerville.

Margaret Rukavina won first in the stallion class, riding her black Arab, Taric, at Placerville and at Plymouth took second in the trail class, also second in the Arab breeding class and third in the breeding class at Roseville.

Nina Stearns won third on her registered Tennessee Walking horse in the Charlie Hall show.

The Lari-ettes welcome four new members to their riding group, Nancy York, Sally Wright, Yvonne Jordon and Leta Vogel.

We'll be seein' you at our Hallowe'en dance. Don't forget the date — OCTOBER 27th.

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